

cooperate in observing that week by participating with the business community and all levels of government in activities that emphasize the importance of world trade to the United States economy and to our relations with other nations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fifth day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-ninth.

GERALD R. FORD

Proclamation 4363

April 5, 1975

National Maritime Day, 1975

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Trade and commerce, which helped to stimulate our Nation's economic growth, continue to be vital to the welfare of all Americans.

The American merchant marine is now being assisted by the largest peacetime shipbuilding program ever undertaken in this country. This will enable America's imports and exports to be moved efficiently over the world's trade routes.

The ships of highly advanced designs coming down the ways will greatly improve the competitiveness and capabilities of our merchant fleet. They will restore the United States to the rank of a first-class maritime power.

To promote public recognition of the importance of the American merchant marine, the Congress in 1933 designated the anniversary of the beginning of the first transatlantic voyage by a steamship, The SAVANNAH, on May 22, 1819, as National Maritime Day, and requested the President to issue a proclamation annually in observance of that day (48 Stat. 73, 36 U.S.C. 145).

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, do hereby urge the people of the United States to honor our American merchant marine on May 22, 1975, by

displaying the flag of the United States at their homes and other suitable places, and I request that all ships sailing under the American flag dress ship on that day.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this fifth day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-ninth.

GERALD R. FORD

Proclamation 4364

April 9, 1975

Law Day, U.S.A., 1975

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

We cannot cherish justice and liberty unless we respect the law.

In order to preserve and strengthen our cherished freedoms, it is appropriate that we reaffirm the fundamental principle of justice through law for all Americans. We can do so in many ways and in many places—in the library and classroom, through grassroots civic and political work, and through a heightened awareness of the American system of law making and law enforcement. Let each of us reaffirm our devotion to and respect for the legal process without which neither life nor liberty would be secure.

Congress has requested that the first day of May of each year be proclaimed Law Day, U.S.A. (75 Stat. 43; 36 U.S.C. 164); and, that the American people be asked to celebrate that day in appreciation for the liberties we have acquired and preserved under the law.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, invite the people of the United States to observe Thursday, May 1, 1975, with appropriate programs and ceremonies, as Law Day, U.S.A. I especially urge that schools, libraries,